

for the attacks on the hotels, but declared gangs of toughs who followed the parade committed the acts of vandalism.

It was estimated that 5,000 men are already on strike and 2,000 will join the walkout tonight. Many of the larger establishments are paralyzed and the service in all is hampered.

A meeting of waiters and hotel workers was held last night under the auspices of the I. W. W. at 180 W. Washington street, and a temporary organization was formed.

The organizers will agitate a strike of restaurant employes in sympathy with that called in New York. Members of unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor were present. The latter are not in sympathy with the "direct action" principles of the I. W. W., and a jurisdictional fight may result.

PERRY WAS ALSO TRUST NEWSPAPER THUG

James A. Perry, self-confessed leader of the auto bandit gang, is also a graduate of the trust newspaper school of thugs.

Perry was a chum of Teddy Webb, murderer of Detective Peter Hart, who worked for the Examiner as a strikebreaker, and of Frank McErlane, alias Walter Scott, who worked for the Record-Herald during the strike.

Perry himself drove an auto truck for the Record Herald all through the strike, and was made a deputy sheriff by the Record-

Herald so he would not get into trouble if he used the gun given him by the Record-Herald.

Outside of providing the newspapers with a bunch of Sherlock Holmes-torn-note clues, the police have not yet done anything toward capturing Teddy Webb, auto bandit and murderer of Detective Peter Hart.

FLOOD STAND SERIOUS; WORSE THAN 1912

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 25.—A gap 1,000 feet wide was torn in the levee near Benlah, Miss., by flood waters in the Mississippi river today, and the surrounding country is inundated.

Residents of the district, warned by the noise of the waters, were able to escape before the flood reached them. Their position is perilous.

When the levee broke, 75 state convicts working on it, dashed for liberty. Several secured guns and a pitched battle with guards resulted. Four convicts and two guards were wounded before the prisoners surrendered.

All traffic on the Yazoo and Mississippi rivers is about to be abandoned, and this will leave the flood sufferers without food or shelter.

The break is at the same place where the disastrous flood of last year started its most destructive work. It is feared the results may be worse in the present flood, as the weather will be colder and the people will be without adequate clothing or refuge.